Circular regarding Government Servants taking up honorary offices in Social Associations.

85. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it has issued any circulars prohibiting Government servants in taking up honorary offices in social associations;

(b) what exactly is the reason for the issue of such circulars?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Government servants are prohibited from taking part in the management of private bodies.

(b) To safeguard the efficiency of service.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has there been any complaint before the Government regarding the prejudicial effect upon the efficiency of the service in connection with Government servants taking up honorary work in social associations?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think there has been any specific instance. But these requests were becoming too frequent. Of course if it was only from one or two there could have been no particular objection. But when that begins to become the rulethen the Government had to interfere.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— I want to draw the attention of Government to an answer given in 1104 in answer to question No. 568. I shall read it here :—"Will the Government be pleased tostate :—(a) whether Government servants are prohibited from accepting honorary but responsible posts in the managing bodies of Social and Communal organisations without prejudice to their duties as Government servants and address communications to the Diwan or His Highness direct, in such capacities". The answer is :—"No, provided it does not interfere with their legitimate duties as Government servants." May I know whether this decision will stand now?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It does not stand.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.— Is the Government circular to the effect that Government servants cannot take any active part in the activities of any social association?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They cannot take any responsible part in these associations.

Mr. K. M. Seethi.—I hope nothing stands in their way of becoming members of such associations.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Seethi.—May I know whether such a rule exists in British India or in any neighbouring State?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. K. G. Nayar:—Are the Government servants completely debarred from playing any part in any such associations?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They cannot take any responsible part in these associations.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will you please enquire?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think there is any necessity.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Can the Professors of the Maharaja's College become members of the Sahitya Parishat?

Rama Varmah Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know subsequent to this circular, Government servants have been asked to dissociate themselves from these associations.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No particular order is required. This order is to be obeyed.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Hon'ble Member be pleased to place the papers on the table?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice. I do not think there will be any objection.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Can they become members of the Lotus Club? (*Laughter.*)

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Scheme for electrification.

86. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 4, dated 31st July 1933, regarding the electrification scheme, will the Government be pleased to give the information required?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question of taking power from Pykara has been dropped, and a new scheme of electrification has been taken up for consideration. Government are, therefore, unable to furnish the information until the details of the new scheme have been fully considered.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In what time do they hope to complete the consideration of the matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I think the consideration will be completed by this session.

Registration Department—Officers employed—qualifications of.

87. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—With reference to the answer to the question No. 101 of the last Makaram Session,

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